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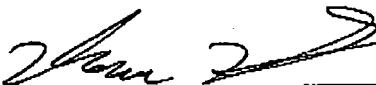
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

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 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: _____ \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (three times amended) A latch assembly for a door including a door retainer projection, said latch assembly comprising:

a handle pivotally mounted to the door for rotation about a first end;

a latch actuator rotationally coupled to said handle and pivotally coupled to the door for rotation about a second end, said handle rotating in a first direction when actuated and said latch actuator rotating in a second direction opposite the first direction; and

a resilient keeper engaged to the door retainer projection in a closed position, said latch actuator configured to disengage said keeper from the door retainer projection when said handle is actuated.

6. (twice amended) A door latch assembly for a dishwasher comprising:

a door comprising a door retainer projection;